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**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS****I. Geographic Region:**

☒ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
☐ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
☒ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present  
☐ Unknown Period ( ☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

**III. Historic Period Themes:**

☒ Agriculture  
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning  
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
☐ Government/Law  
☐ Military  
☐ Religion  
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural  
☐ Transportation

**IV. Resource Type:**

Category: Buildings  
Historic Environment: Rural  
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Agricultural Outbuildings (Chicken Houses)  
  
Known Design Source:

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

CONTINUATION SHEET #1

Inventory No. WO-511

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (continued):

The southern chicken house is clad in drop siding and plywood, exhibits one-over-one and six-over-six double-hung sash windows, and has a corrugated metal roof. The roof shape is asymmetrical, with the north slope longer than the south. The east end contains a single-leaf wooden door, and plywood doors are found along the south side.

The northern chicken house is clad in plywood, features two-light hopper windows and louvered vents, and has a standing seam metal roof. It contains plywood doors and exhibits a large metal hopper at its east end. The building is approximately twice as long as the southern chicken house.

The chicken houses on the Parley D. and Mary E. Littleton Property are representative examples of early- to middle-twentieth-century agricultural outbuildings. Their presence illustrates the continued development of Worcester County and the immediate locale in the early to middle part of this century, when truck farming was replacing older agricultural models and new fruit and vegetable crops were on the rise. The raising of chickens for eggs became a booming industry in the early part of the century, while the raising of broilers for the mass market did not become widespread until after World War II (Touart 1994:165–167; Truitt and Les Callette 1977:249, 253–255).

Parley D. and Mary E. Littleton purchased the property in 1948 (WCCC Deed Book CWN 21:204). It is assumed that the chicken houses were constructed at about that time, although the northern chicken house appears newer than the southern one and may in fact be less than 50 years old. A ca. 1948 date of construction for at least the southern chicken house would coincide well with the rise of broiler production in the county in the late 1940s.

Using the periods from the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data, this would place the buildings in the Modern Period (A.D. 1930–Present). The current legal tax parcel containing the chicken houses, trailer, and shed encompasses 8.97 acres.

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Major Bibliographical References:

Touart, Paul Baker

1994 *Along the Seaboard Side: The Architectural History of Worcester County, Maryland*. Worcester County Commissioners, Snow Hill, Maryland.

Truitt, Reginald V., and Millard G. Les Callette

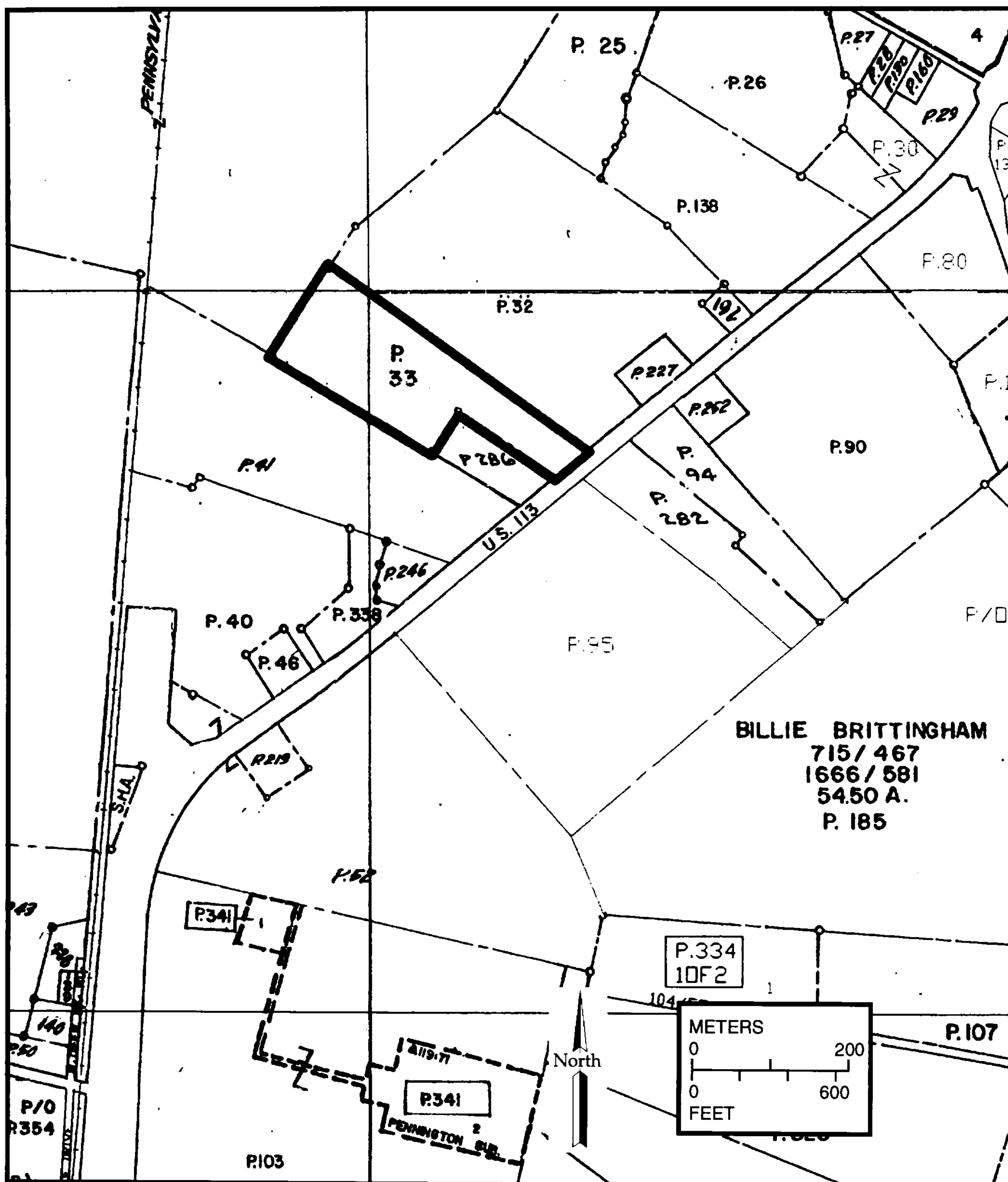
1977 *Worcester County, Maryland's Arcadia*. Worcester County Historical Society, Snow Hill, Maryland.

Worcester County Clerk of Court (WCCC)

1887–1996 Property records on file at the Worcester County Courthouse, Snow Hill, Maryland.

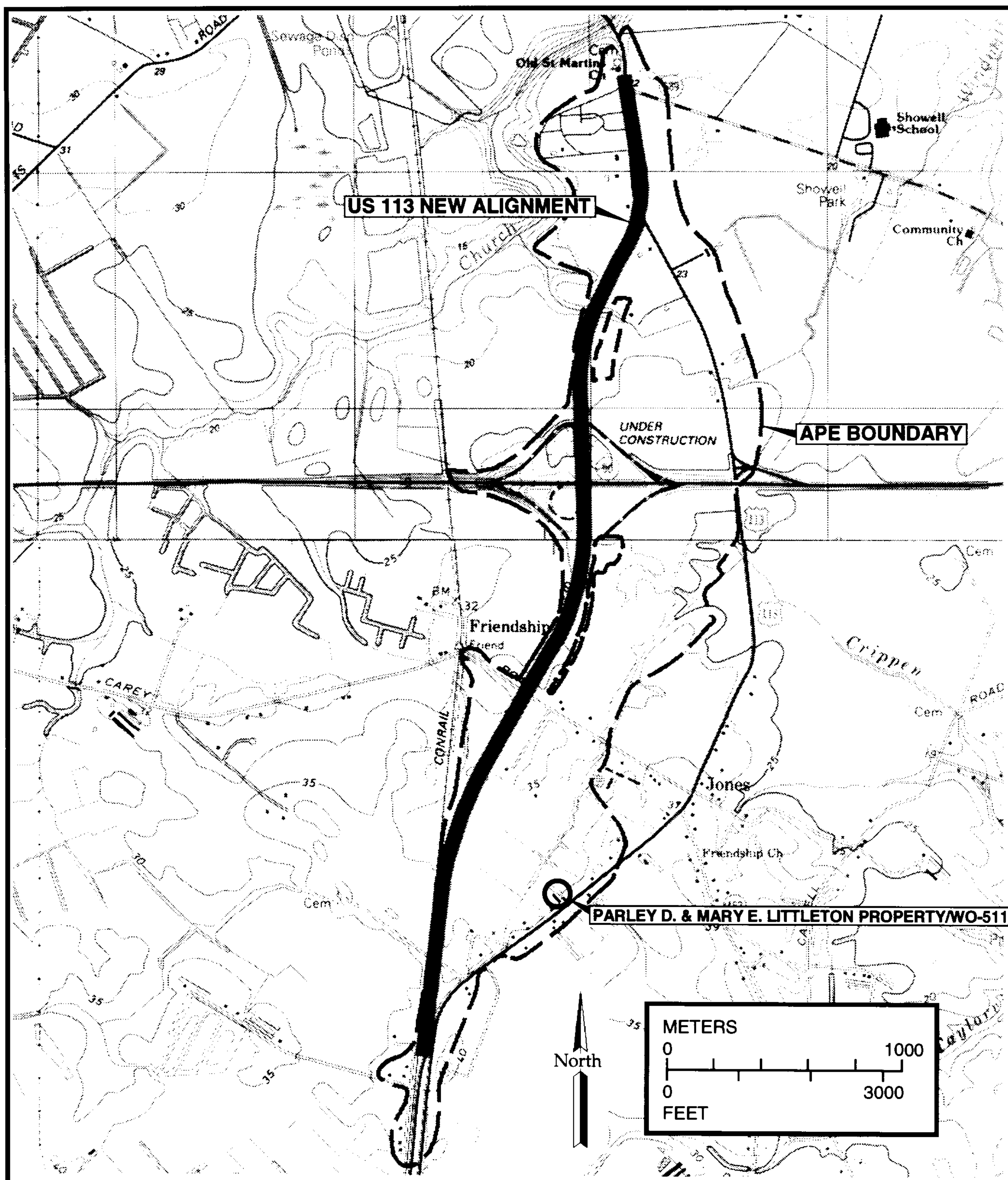
Worcester County Tax Assessor (WCTA)

1998 Tax assessment records on file at the Worcester County Tax Assessor's Office, Snow Hill, Maryland.



# TAX MAP

Section of Map No. 20, Parcel No. 33, Worchester County, Md.  
 Containing the Parley D. & Mary E. Littleton Property/WO-511  
 Berlin (vic.), Worchester County, MD.



### LOCATIONAL MAP

Section of the 7.5' Selbyville, Del.-MD/Berlin, MD Quad Map (USGS 1992/1967-1981)

Showing the Parley D. & Mary E. Littleton Property/WO-511

Worcester County, MD.



W2-511

Pring D. + Mary E. Littleton Property (historic)

Worcester County MD

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Marl Chancela - photographer

Sept. 1998

Maryland SHPO - negative

View West/Northwest toward Chicker House

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Parley D. & Mary E. Little Property, Circle  
Worcester County MD

000 6 +D/C-A /T-N /LZE 69%

Mark Chancellor - photograph

Sept. 1998

Maryland SAPO-negative  
view west toward Chicker House

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